

## Minutes of the virtual meeting (*due to Covid-19*) held on 6th May 2020

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to this unusual meeting and was pleased to 'see' everyone present and thanked Jo for hosting the Zoom session.

- ◆ **There were 11 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Julie Clark, Maggie Ryan, Claire Buller, Bryan Smith, Iain Wright, Jo Metson, Laura Erith, Luke Rumbelow, Vicki Sargent, Lorraine Brooks.
- ◆ **Contributions from:** Wendy Sparrow, Trevor Smy, Mike Hunter.
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Tricia Hall.
- ◆ **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 7th January 2020 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Maggie Ryan*). Rachel referred to the Exec meeting prior to the AGM on 2nd March and a subsequent conversation with Iain about the Village Hall grant application for barriers at the Village Hall Playing Field. Rachel confirmed that the Community Council are very supportive of the Village Hall Committee and the good work they do and that although this particular grant application was turned down at this stage the discussion around it had been supportive of the committee and constructive and in no way critical of their efforts.

### MATTERS ARISING:

#### ◆ **Executive Committee:**

**Action by:**

Rachel Hitchcock reminded the meeting that although things were quiet at the moment the CC needs more members on the Executive Committee. We meet just six times a year. It is an enjoyable friendly village committee and an ideal way for those new to the village to become involved and meet new friends. Contact Rachel on 263169 or [rachel\\_hitchcock@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more.

The CC is still in need of a Treasurer as Maggie Ryan would like to step down due to her new work and college commitments and handing over during the quieter summer months seems a suitable time.

- ◆ **Fundraising Activities & Events:** Ideas for fund raising projects to benefit the CC are always welcome – for when life returns to normal.

- ◆ **Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. A further training session was to be planned but delayed due to Covid-19. Rachel Hitchcock and Tracy Le Gryns will liaise with organising a session when appropriate. It was suggested that perhaps this could introduce other aspects of First Aid.

*Rachel  
Hitchcock &  
Tracy Le Gryns*

- ◆ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Members previously agreed provision of a water level gauge located on the river in a position where residents can see it would be useful and a point of interest for residents; the Conservation Society, as riparian landowners, would support this idea. Initial investigations revealed that a gauge would cost about £60; it was agreed to establish the full cost including mounting post and installation. No progress has been made on obtaining quotes due to C-19.

*Lorraine Brooks  
& Mike Hunter*

- ◆ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** [nayland10k.co.uk](http://nayland10k.co.uk) Luke said this year's 10k will be cancelled due to C-19; next year's event will be on Sunday 4th July 2021. In the meantime a virtual 10k is being organised for this year which will keep the annual event alive. Details will be announced in the next two weeks. The competition for Nayland school children to design the medals took place; badges will be produced in place of medals. There will still be some income which Luke said would still enable smaller donations for SESAW and the CC.

*Luke Rumbelow*

For the 2021 event it will be necessary to consider parking space provision for 500 cars; two suggestions will be followed up.

#### ◆ **Recent Activities:**

- **Village Quiz on Friday 7th February:** This went very well. Thank you to Rachel and the team.
- **CC Annual General Meeting on 2nd March:** The draft minutes were distributed and are available on [naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings](http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maggie Ryan gave her report on finances to 30 April.

- **Breakdown of profits:** Quiz £487, Community Times £563, Village Calendar £100.
- **Grants paid:** Lizzie's Fund Endurance Walk £170, Nayland & Wiston website £94, Village Hall Cooker £779.99
- **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £28,630.25, represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,699.94, Current a/c monies £17,732.53, Cash in hand £197.78. We hold £318.50 for the Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Nayland School Music Group £400, Lizzie's Fund Walk £195, NwW Land Co, £550 & NwW Conservation Soc. £649. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £16,517.75.**
- The grant for Nayland School Music Group can now be paid. With the school closure due to Covid-19 no progress had been made but the competition for the group T-shirt design has been judged and they will be able to go head with the printing of the T-shirts.

♦ **GRANTS & DONATIONS:**

- **Conservation Society, Steps to improve footpath access from A134 down to Nayland Meadow:** Installation of steps would make transition down the steep slope safer for walkers along this well used path. A grant of £649 was requested towards the cost of £2,166; a £1,517 grant has been awarded from Dedham Vales & Stour Valley Project. The grant was unanimously agreed (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Julie Clark*)
- **NwW Land Company, Bench for Nayland Meadow:** A grant of £550 was requested for a bench to be installed next to the new permissive path on Horkesely Road/A134 corner of Nayland Meadow. Cost includes £60 inscription 'NwW CC 2020'. The grant was unanimously agreed (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Jo Metson*).

Rachel Hitchcock  
&  
Maggie Ryan

It was pointed out that since the Covid-19 lockdown the village footpaths have been very well used and introduced walkers to the beauty of our village so both of these grants will benefit residents.

- ♦ **Correspondence:** There had been no correspondence not included elsewhere.

- ♦ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all involved for enabling issues to continue during Covid-19, especially the distribution team who used their 'exercise time' to ensure the CT reached all residents.

Lorraine Brooks

The June/July issue is underway and while many annual and traditional events have been cancelled it is hoped there will be positive and interesting news to report and information to convey. With an increase in the number of residents using our footpaths and open spaces for exercise there has been greater appreciation of our lovely parish and many photographs taken; it is hoped this will translate to more See It Snap It news and entries for the calendar. The distribution team will again be contacted to check they are willing to help with this issue. The CT will as usual be available online.

The Nayland & Wiston website has proved useful for including updates and useful information for residents during Covid-19.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks updated members that the competition will need to progress with residents voting for favourite photos via the internet due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Deadline for entries will be 20th June. Promotion has begun and some entries have been received. It will be promoted in the June CT which will be distributed from about 24th May. Rachel kindly offered to put up some posters.

Lorraine Brooks  
Wendy Sparrow  
Rachel Hitchcock

Due to Covid-19 and resultant financial difficulties for some businesses the CC considered that for this year the cost of sponsorship could be waived for regular/previous sponsors as a thank you to them for their previous support or they could opt to support the calendar if they wish. This may reduce calendar profits of usually £650 by up to £300. This was agreed (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Jo Metson*).

♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Bonfire Night on 5th November:** Further planning for the new format Bonfire Night will be on the agenda for our next meeting in July giving particular thought to ticketing and parking.

Obviously there is the possibility that even by November it won't be possible to hold a large event like this. Rachel has contacted DynamicFireworks - they are following the guidance closely to see when they may be able to operate again. They reassured that we would not be held to payment if we had to cancel the event on 5th November as it would be circumstances outside of our control - but obviously hope that it will be able to go ahead... Rachel will keep in touch with them and keep the Exec posted.

Rachel Hitchcock

- **Christmas Fayre on 7th December:** Rachel Hitchcock said it is hoped this will go ahead as usual.

## SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy reported that their spring events this year had been cancelled, including their Spring Show, AGM & Quiz, and the Morning Market. The outing to Kew Gardens, Summer Party and the Summer Flower Show would also be cancelled, and autumn events may also be affected by Covid-19.
  - ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow reported that a lunch at Newton Green Golf Club had been planned to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the Nayland branch of the WI on 16th March; this was the beginning of the Coronavirus outbreak and a few anxious members cancelled but those who attended had an enjoyable time. Meetings since then, and for the foreseeable future have been cancelled.
  - ◆ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow had reported their meeting for April to discuss 'A Single Thread' by Tracy Chevalier was cancelled. The group is now reading 'Transcription' by Kate Atkinson. It is likely that they will not be meeting in May to discuss this book unless they all master the technicalities of a Zoom gathering! In the meantime it is good to have more time to read and they hope to be able to meet again soon.
  - ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter had reported that their events since April had been cancelled due to Covid-19. Unfortunately lockdown measures began before the Swift boxes could be installed so it was not possible to finalise this project prior to the arrival of the Swifts from Africa for their breeding season. It is ironic that with such beautiful weather and plenty of spare time for gardening to enable gardens to be looking as good as they have ever looked, the Society has been forced to abandon Open Gardens for the first time in 43 years. However, photographs will be taken of the gardens in early June and will be presented in an online display which will be promoted.
  - ◆ **Parish Council:** Laura Erith reported that there is funding available for local shops affected by Covid-19; the proposed review on the changes to the 84 & new 784 bus service has been postponed, Babergh has introduced a parking warden who will be travelling round the villages with the powers to enforce on street parking contraventions under civil parking enforcement legislation. Laura thanked Lorraine for assisting in circulating useful information relating to the Covid-19 via social media and websites.
  - ◆ **Royal British Legion:** Rachel reminded the meeting of VE Day on Friday 8th May. Unfortunately given the current circumstances the service and other events planned cannot go ahead, however, a special online service is available to view using the link on [www.naylandandwiston.net/](http://www.naylandandwiston.net/) or via YouTube on: <https://youtu.be/17zkpLuXLKk> Thanks to Revds Mark Woodrow and Nick Adley, Emma Bishton and local professional cameraman Stuart Howells for putting this film together. Although the exhibition of VE Day artefacts and memorabilia could not go ahead Wendy Sparrow and Mary George produced a fascinating online booklet using the documents and photographs that had been shared; this is also available on [www.naylandandwiston.net/](http://www.naylandandwiston.net/)
- ◆ **AOB:**
- **Covid-19:** The Nayland Volunteer list and list of Essential Shopping: local options and delivery services can be found on [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net)
  - **Message from CC President, Ken Willingale:** *"It's great to see that the CC is still functioning during this spell of isolation; that whatever happens we continue to operate. Well done to all of you. Great team spirit."* Ken's comments were much appreciated and all good wishes to him were expressed.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** is scheduled for **Monday 6th July 2020** at 7.30pm (*Exec 7pm*). Depending on Covid-19 restrictions this may be another Zoom meeting or take place in the Church Hall. **Meetings for 2020:** Wednesday 2nd September & Wednesday 28th October.

*The meeting closed at 7.50pm*